

2013 DEER REDUCTION INFORMATION SHEET FOR TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

Please save or print a copy of this document for reference. You are responsible for understanding all the following information.

Note: Hunters who fail to register/check-in onsite each day by 7:30 am local time will forfeit their spot to an onsite standby drawing for that day. If you show-up later than 7:30 am local time you may participate in the standby drawing.



Important Note

We appreciate your willingness to help manage the impact from deer browsing. For this reduction to be effective, please harvest any deer that presents a safe and ethical shot (within established bag limits), especially those that are antlerless. Please make every effort to be present during the reduction. The number of hunters allowed at each park is strategically calculated. Your absence affects how successfully we reach our objective of a balanced ecosystem.

- Date/Time: The 2013 Deer Reduction hunts will be conducted on November 18th & 19th and December 2 & 3. The park will be closed to the general public on the Sunday before each hunt period through 8 a.m. EST the Wednesday following each hunt period. In order to enter the park the day(s) of the hunt, you **must show picture identification**.
- Check-In: *All hunters must enter the park through the main gate the first day of each two day hunting periods.* Check-in will be held at the **Nature Center**. *Once hunters have been officially checked-in they may proceed to their designated hunting areas. On the second day of the two-day hunt, hunters will report directly to the hunting areas.* It is mandatory that hunters also sign into their hunting areas each morning. **Check-in begins at 5:00 a.m.**
- Check-Out: Prior to leaving the property, hunters must check-out of their assigned hunting area. Please notify staff personnel at your designated check station.
- Regardless of the selected hunting area, or the number of deer taken, it is the responsibility of each hunter to plan their day to complete all retrievals and check-out procedures by 4:00 p.m.**
- Hunt Hours: **Hunters may enter the field no earlier than 5:30 a.m.** Actual shooting hours are 7:30 a.m. EST until 3:00 p.m. EST.
- Assigned Areas: Turkey Run State Park has two (2) specific hunting areas. Hunters have been assigned to an area, gate to use if necessary, and a parking area. ****Hunters must hunt only their assigned areas on the first day of each hunting opportunity.*** Hunters must park within their assigned hunting areas ONLY.

Boundary lines between hunting areas are park roads, county and state roads, and Sugar Creek. Ribbons will mark some of the outer most boundaries; however, property boundary signs mark these locations as well. Please see the attached map for the hunting area, assigned gate, and parking area for which you have been assigned. **It is the responsibility of each hunter to know their area and to confine all hunting within the designated boundaries.*

****Hunters that registered for, and hunted in their assigned area the first day, may hunt in either designated hunting area the second day. Hunters report directly to the hunting area of their choice, the second day, no earlier than 5:00 a.m.***

- Temporary Tags: Temporary tags will not be used in the controlled deer hunt at Turkey Run. **It is the responsibility of each hunter to secure their deer.* Hunters may take deer, as they are harvested, to the check-in station within their designated hunting area to obtain a permanent legal possession tag. Turkey Run State Park is not responsible for unattended deer.
- Possession Tags: Each successful hunter must have a permanent legal possession tag placed on their harvested deer before leaving Turkey Run State Park property. Officials in your hunting area will provide permanent possession tags for harvested deer. **Do not leave without completing this very important step.**
- Bag Limit: During each reduction period for which you have been drawn, you are allowed to take up to three deer, only one of which can be antlered. These deer do not count against your regular state deer hunting license or bag limit. Please do not pass on antlerless deer for deer with antlers.
- Open House: There will be an open house for hunters on the Sunday before each hunt period. **Attendance is not mandatory but it will allow you to visit, ask questions and receive information.** Park personnel will be on hand to provide information.
- For hunters drawn for November 18th & 19th, there will be an open house at Turkey Run's Nature Center on Sunday, November 10th from Noon to 4 p.m.
- For hunters drawn for December 2nd & 3rd, there will be an open house at Turkey Run's Nature Center on Sunday, November 27th from Noon to 4 p.m.
- Blinds: All blinds are **PROHIBITED.**
- Tree Stands: NON-PENETRATING tree stands may be put up by those drawn for the hunt. Stands may be installed anytime after 8:00 a.m. on the Sunday of the weekend prior to your hunt date (one week prior). All stands must be removed on the last day, of the two day hunt. As a general rule, please take out anything you

bring into the park. Please practice “leave no trace” ethics to ensure a clean and high quality park.

**All deer stands must be identified with the hunter’s name address and telephone number.* The park, its staff, and the State of Indiana assume no responsibility for tree stands at anytime.

A 5-point safety harness is highly recommended for this hunt!

Scouting:

Maps are available on-line for your assigned areas. Hunters wanting to scout areas prior to hunting will be permitted to do so on the same dates given for installing tree stands. Vehicle parked illegally or blocking gates will be towed at the owner’s expense. All parking within the park must be in designated parking areas. Parking on private property is **PROHIBITED**.

SCOUTING HOURS are 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. for those individuals accessing remote areas beyond access gates. Access gates will not be open during the following State holidays; Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, and the Friday following Thanksgiving.

SCOUTING HOURS are from 8:00 a.m. – Dusk for those individuals utilizing the property defined trails system.

Hunters that are drawn for the first hunt: November 18th & November 19th may scout, and install their deer stands between November 10th & November 17th.

Hunters that are drawn for the second hunt: December 2nd & 3rd may scout, and install their deer stands between November 27th & December 1st.

NOTE: Hunters that violate the posted scouting hours may forfeit their rights to participate in the hunt for which they had been drawn.

Plastic Marking Tape: The use of *plastic marking tape* (what is commonly called flagging, or colored surveyors tape) is **PROHIBITED**. The use of any marking tape will result in the hunter (s) being asked to leave the property and the termination of hunting privileges.

Safety:

All firearms should be cleared (unloaded) and locked in vehicles prior to leaving the hunting area. All firearms must be cleared (unloaded) and locked in vehicles while in safety areas and property parking lots.

Safety Zones: SAFETY ZONES have been established and marked with bright yellow caution tape. You may not enter these areas except to retrieve a deer. Loaded firearms are not permitted in safety zones, park buildings, or service areas.

Hunters staying at Turkey Run Inn must transport their weapons to and from the Inn in a locked gun case. **Weapons may not be openly carried while at the Inn or Inn complex which includes the adjacent parking lot. Additional instructions will be provided at the front desk of the Inn.**

Hunter Orange: At all firearms hunts, a participant must expose outer garments with hunter orange, including **both** hat **AND** vest, coat, jacket or coveralls. This gear should be worn at all times.

Alcoholic Beverages: **Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be allowed in the park.**

Meat Handling: You must take possession of all deer you harvest. Please plan in advance for donating your deer to charity or a foodbank if your freezer is full by the time of the hunt. It is up to the hunter to pay all processing costs. When leaving the property with harvested deer, please cover them with a tarp or other suitable material.

For additional information about donating harvested deer; please, visit: Farmers and Hunters, Feeding the Hungry at www.fhfh.org

Meat processors located in the area are listed below. (This does not represent a full listing of available business.)

Wallace Processing: (Wallace, IN)	800-273-5649
Miller's Locker Plant (Waynetown, IN)	765-234-2381

Substitutes: **Do not** attempt to come up with a substitute if you know you cannot participate in the reduction hunt.

Hunters With Disabilities: If you have a DNR disability hunting license and indicated this on your application, you should call the park office before November 11th, so we can try to accommodate any special needs you may have. Please contact the park office by calling (765) 597-2635.

Parking: **Park only in authorized areas within your assigned hunting area.**

AREA 1 PARKING: **Parking areas for area number (1) include: Service Area, Canyon Shelter, Olympic Pool, Campground.*

AREA 2 PARKING: **Robbins Road, Lusk Home*

- Hunting Weapons: All firearms, which may be legally used to hunt deer in Indiana (as defined in the 2013-2014 Indiana Hunting and Trapping Regulations stipulating shotgun, muzzle loader, rifle with pistol cartridge and handgun) will be allowed. Please see booklet for questions on legal weapons. Archery will not be permitted for these hunts, including the use of crossbows.
- Retrieval: You are responsible for retrieving your deer from the field. DO NOT leave the property and trespass on private property in an attempt to retrieve a downed deer. Contact the check station, park personnel or Law Enforcement Personnel immediately. ***Hunters are solely responsible for the retrieval of any harvested deer.**
- In areas where there are fire trails or similar access routes, DNR personnel will be operating trucks, quad runners, or similar devices starting at approximately 11:00 a.m. (weather and staff permitting) DNR staff members will haul deer from these roadways back to the check station as time allows.
- “It is illegal to hunt, trap chase or retrieve game on private land without the consent of the landowner or tenant. Always ask permission before entering private property.”
- Privately owned motorized vehicles are **prohibited**. Non-powered pull type deer carts have been used successfully.
- Field Dressing: **Please do not field dress deer in any mowed or public area. Field dress harvested deer at least 50 ft. from any road or trail and cover the entrails with leaf litter.*
- Protesters\
Non-Hunters: If you encounter protestors/non-hunters in the field, please contact property personnel and they will handle the matter.
- Check Station: All deer must be checked-in no later than 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) each day to the check station. Each designated hunting area has its own check station.
- *All hunters must be checked-out of their designated hunting areas by 4:00 p.m.**
- *Those hunters choosing to hike into remote areas of the property should exercise good judgment in departing these remote areas with any and all harvested deer, so that they can meet the 4:00 p.m. deadline.*
- Enforcement: Indiana Conservation Officers will be on duty to enforce all hunting regulations and to ensure a safe hunt. They will also be available to answer questions and provide assistance when necessary.

Camping: **NO CAMPING WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARK DURING THE HUNTS.**

If camping is desired please contact Raccoon State Recreation Area by calling (765) 344-1412.

Staying at the Inn: Hunters may stay at the Turkey Run Inn, but there will be limited services since the Inn is closed to the general public. Hunters will need to contact the Inn directly at 765-597-2211 to make a reservation. Upon check in, hunters will have to show the same credentials as they would for accessing the park during the hunt.

TAKING OF ANTLERED & ANTLERLESS DEER

Please keep in mind the purpose of your deer hunting opportunity on State Park or Nature Preserve properties is to reduce the deer herd in order to prevent overgrazing and resulting damage of the properties' vegetation.

Our primary goal is to harvest does since they have the largest long-term impact on a population. However, we recognize that antlered deer also directly contribute to the grazing impacts on the properties and appreciate your help with their removal. We are concerned that some hunters may be passing up antlerless deer and deer with small antlers. Those hunters who pass an opportunity to remove deer with no or small antlers are actually hurting our ability to reduce the overgrazing problem. Whenever you have an opportunity to safely make an accurate well-placed shot, please help us by taking that deer, regardless of the antler size (remember bag limit restrictions do apply).

We also may have hunters passing up deer because they have filled their freezer. While we do not want deer to be taken that will be wasted, if you do not need the meat from the 2nd or 3rd deer, please consider trying to locate someone prior to our deer reduction effort who needs additional deer meat.

We do not want to restrict your opportunity to take home a deer, including its antlers. We may be forced to do so in future years if today's hunters pass up deer that need to be removed.

Please help us with this important effort.

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

8121 E Park Road • Marshall, Indiana 47859 • 765-597-2635
2,382 Acres Established 1916



0 1/4 1/2
Approximate Scale in Miles

TRAIL	TRAIL TABLE	TRAIL TYPE
1	3	Moderate/Rugged
2	1	Rugged
3	1.2	Very Rugged
4	2	Moderate/Rugged
5	3	Moderate
6	2	Moderate/Rugged
7	7	Moderate
8	1.5	Very Rugged
9	1	Moderate
10	1.5	Moderate
11	1	Easy

LEGEND	
Road	Accessible
Hiking Trail	Nature Preserve
Boundary	

